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Re: Philip Morris and Co. Ltd., Inc.
British Patent Appln. 22760/54
U. S. Serial No. 383,122
DuPuis and Lieser

Dear Mr. Leahy:

We are enclosing herewith a copy of a further official action which has now issued on this case, wherein the examiner has raised a number of formal objections and has maintained his objection with respect to the previously cited U. S. Patent No. 2,108,860, a copy of which is again enclosed herewith.

Considering first paragraph 6 of the action, concerning the cited reference, the examiner apparently does not consider the limitation "at least 5% by weight of a polyhydric alcohol" as being sufficiently limiting to distinguish the present application over this reference. As you will recall, the cited U. S. patent discloses the use of polyhydric alcohols, but does not specify the amount. Undoubtedly, this reference was cited against the U. S. case and we would like to know how this reference was overcome in the United States.

Concerning paragraph 1 of the action, we would suggest revising the specification so as to eliminate reference to a "mouth piece tobacco product" from the opening portions thereof. In other words, we would suggest replacing the opening paragraph of the specification by the following paragraph:

> "The present invention relates to filters for tobacco smoke, and more particularly, it relates to tobacco smoke filters wherein the absorbency for certain objectionable constituents in the smoke stream has been increased."

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Please let us have your comments on paragraphs 3 and 4 of the action.

The remaining objections can be attended to by us after we have had your instructions.

Please return the reference to us after it has served your purpose.

A reply to this action must be filed before January 20, 1956 and accordingly, we would appreciate your early instructions.

Very truly yours,

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